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SUBJECT: GOVERNING MAYOR STOBBE ON VARIOUS BERLIN TOPICS

1. SUMMARY: STOBBE IS INCREASINGLY CONCERNED OVER DELAY
IN GETTING FRG-GDR DISCUSSIONS UNDER WAY. HE IS EVEN MORE
CONCERNED OVER BERLIN POWER-SUPPLY PROBLEM, WHICH HE SAYS
MUST BE SOLVED SOONEST. END SUMMARY.

2. IN REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING JUNE 22 WITH COMMANDANTS
(HIS FIRST), GOVERNING MAYOR STOBBE COMMENTED ON SEVERAL
CURRENT-INTEREST ITEMS. ON LONG-PENDING FRG-GDR TALKS,
SOTBBE SAID THAT WHILE BERLIN ITEMS TO BEINCLUDED (EXCEPT
FOR LONG-TERM POWER GRID CONNECTION) WERE NOT VITAL TO
CITY, THEY ARE IMPORTANT AND HE HAS BEEN URGING FRG SIDE
GET ON WITH TALKS. HE IS SOMEWHAT EMBARRASSED HIMSELF,
BECAUSE GDR SIDE SAID DAY AFTER HIS ELECTION THEY WERE
READY TO RESUME TALKS WITH SENAT ON ALL PENDING QUESTIONS,
AND SO FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO MOVEMENT WHATEVER FROM WEST
GERMAN SIDE. RE WISCHNEWSKI-KOHL PRE-SOUNDING-
SOUNDINGS, SENATOR KORBER SAID THAT ON JUNE 20
WISCHNEWSKI TOLD HIM HE WAS STILL WAITING FOR GO-
AHEAD WORD FROM CHANCELLOR.

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3. STOBBE SAID THAT FROM FRG POIT OF VIEW POWER GRID
CONNECTION IS MOST IMPORTANT BELIN ITEM IN PACKAGE,
AND HE AGREES THAT THIS IS MORE IMPORTNAT THAN NEW
HAMBURG AUTOBAH, FOR EXAMPLE. FRG WOULD LIKE TIE GRID
PROJECT TO NEXT SWING CREDIT NEGOTIATION, BUT THIS IS
GOOD WAY OFF. IN MEANTIME, STOBBE CONSIDRS IT ABSOLUTELY
ESSENTIAL BERLIN GET IS SHORTER-TERM POWER

SUPPLY SITUATION STRAIGHTENED OUT. HE SAID SENAT WILL DECIDE AUGUST 10 ON SITING 180 MW PEAKLOAD GAS TURBINE PLANT AT ONE OF SEVERAL ALTERNATIVE KEUKOELLN LOCATIONS AND SEPTEMBER 6 ON NEW SITE FOR BASELOAD PLANT WHICH COURT HAS FORBIDDEN AT OBERJAEGERWEG. HE THINKS IT MAY BE DECIDED BUILD PLANT IN RUHLEBEN, DESPITE ALREADY EXISTENT OVER-POLLUTION PROBLEM THRE, ALSO ADD ON 300 MW TO PRESENT OBERHADEL PLANT. IN ANY EVENT, BOTH STOBBE AND KORBER SAID IT WOULD BE MOST UNWISE TO TALK ABOUT GRID CONNECTION WITH GDR BEFORE WEST BERLIN HAS PROVED IT CAN TAKE CARE OF ITS OWN POWER REQUIREMENT IF NECESSARY. HE SOUNDED FRANKLY SOMEWHAT BAFFLED HOWEVER BY PROBLEM FIGHTING PLANT-PLACEMENT QUESTION THROUGH COMPLEX BARRIERS OF CITIZNES' INITIATIVES, ENVIRONMENTALISTS, AND ANTI-POWER COURT RULINGS. FOR EXAMPLE, HE SAID THAT DESPITE ONE COURT RULING WHICH SAID IN EFFECT GO AHEAD IN RUHLEBEN, IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT THERE MAY BE A FUTURE RULING SAYINGA NEW RUHLEBEN PLANT WOULD VIOLATE FRG ANTI-POLLUTION LAW WHICH HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER IN BERLIN.

4. ON CHEAP-FARE INTERFLUG TURKISH WORKER FLIGHTS, STOBBE SAID SENAT PLANS RESORT TO AK ORDINANCE NO. 500, DEALING WITH CONTROL OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND MOVEMENT OF MONEY. THIS ORDINANCE PROVIDES FOR PENALTIES OF UP TO FIVE YEARS IMPRISONMENT OR FINEOF UP TO
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DM 25,000 FOR VIOLATORS. OBJECT WOULD BE TO PREVENT OR DETER SALE OF TICKETS IN WESTERN SECTORS. STOBBE DID NOT RPEAT NOT MENTION ANY NEW STEPS HE THOUGHT ALLIES SHOULD TAKE.
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